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# LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Medical Officer's Report for the year ending 31st December, 1971

To the Chairman & Members of the Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present for your consideration my report on the health of the Urban District of Longdendale for the year 1971.

The control over the notifiable infectious diseases is evident in the fact that only 36 cases were recorded and of these 31 were measles - a condition against which protection can now be offered by immunisation. There are, of course, a wide variety of conditions which are infectious and non-notifiable, the most important one being influenza which each winter seems to be in the headlines as a potential hazard particularly to the old and infirm. The year under review did not produce the expected major epidemic from the Hong Kong strain of the virus, although, no doubt, some of the deaths from pneumonia and bronchitis may be attributed to this condition. The total number of deaths fell to 94 in 1971 from 115 the previous year, largely due to a reduction in the deaths from coronary thrombosis and an absence of deaths from lung cancer. I regret to have to report an increase, however, in the infant mortality - five children dying under the age of one year compared with two in 1970.

During the year, a Consultative Document was published in May in which the Government laid down the suggested pattern for the redevelopment of the Health Services. As you now know this redevelopment is to take place parallel with that of Local Government reform and will operate from 1st April, 1974. The latest step has been the introduction of a National Health Service Reorganisation Bill in November of this year which was preceded by a Management Study report on the Reorganised National Health Service. It will be obvious that the emphasis and pattern of work of your officers is of necessity being changed by this new impending legislation on Local Government and Health Service reorganisation and one can only hope that it will lead to improved services for the person for whom all this is intended, namely, the man in the street, whether as a ratepayer or a patient.

May I, in conclusion, express my thanks to the members of the Committee for their interest, Mr. Skirrow for his loyalty and constant help and the staff for their willing co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

T. HOLME.

Medical Officer of Health.
Longdendale Urban District Council.

## POPULATION

The Registrar General's estimate for mid-1971 was 10,370.

## BIRTHS

There were 129 live births during 1971. Of these, 63 were males and 66 females.

The Crude Birth Rate was 12.4 per 1,000 compared with 14.7 per thousand in 1970. When adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas the birth rate was 10.8 per 1,000 compared with 16.0 for England and Wales.

## DEATHS

The number of deaths during 1971 was 94. Of these, 48 were males and 46 females. The Crude Death Rate was 9.1 per thousand compared with 11.3 per thousand for 1970. When adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas, the Death Rate was 13.8, the figure for England and Wales during 1971 being 11.6. The causes of death were as shown in the table on pages 3 & 4.

## INFANT MORTALITY

Five infants died under the age of twelve months.

## MATERNAL MORTALITY

No deaths occurred as a result of pregnancy.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following figures indicate the extent to which all types of notifiable infectious diseases occurred.

| | |
|---|---|
| Measles | 31 |
| Scarlet Fever | 4 |
| Meningitis | 1 |

## LABORATORY FACILITIES

Specimens obtained from patients by family practitioners for various bacteriological tests are sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Manchester. Reports upon specimens are sent to the patient's own doctor and copies are forwarded to the Health Office.

## TUBERCULOSIS

| | Male | Female |
|---|---|---|
| Number of cases on the register on 31.12.70 | 26 | 23 |
| Number of cases added to register during 1971 | 1 | 2 |
| Number of cases removed from register during 1971 | 5 | 4 |
| Number of cases remaining on register on 31.12.71 | 22 | 21 |

# Services administered by the Cheshire County Council

## CARE OF MOTHERS AND BABIES

A weekly ante-natal Clinic is held every Wednesday morning. The local Domiciliary Midwife attends for the purpose of examination of expectant mothers who wish to have their babies at home. The afternoon of the second Monday in each month is devoted to immunisation and is attended by the Divisional Medical Officer. Other immunisation sessions are carried out as the need arises.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1971 IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF LONGDENDALE

| | Cause of death | Sex | Total all Ages | Under 4 wks. | 4 wks. & under 1 year. | Age in years | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | 1-4 | 5-14 | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65-74 | 75 and ove |
| B.19(4) | Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine | M | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| | | F | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| B.19(6) | Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus | M | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 |
| | | F | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| B.19(7) | Malignant Neoplasm, Breast | M | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | F | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 | - |
| B.19(9) | Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate | M | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| B.19(11) | Other Malignant Neoplasms | M | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| | | F | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | - |
| B.21 | Diabetes Mellitus | M | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| | | F | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| B.22 | Avitaminoses, etc., | M | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| | | F | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| B.23 | Anaemias | M | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | F | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| B.27 | Hypertensive Disease | M | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | F | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| B.28 | Ischaemic Heart Disease | M | 12 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| | | F | 9 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| B.29 | Other Forms of Heart Disease | M | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| | | F | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| B.30 | Cerebrovascular Disease | M | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4 |
| | | F | 10 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 |

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1971 IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF LONGDENDALE (continued)

| | Cause of death | Sex | Total all Ages | Under 4 wks. | 4 wks. & under 1 year. | Age in years | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | 1-4 | 5-14 | 15-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65-74 | 75 and over |
| B.46(6) | Other Diseases of Circulatory System | M | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| | | F | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| B.32 | Pneumonia | M | 5 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 |
| | | F | 8 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 5 |
| B.33(1) | Bronchitis and Emphysema | M | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| | | F | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| B.34 | Peptic Ulcer | M | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| | | F | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| B.46(8) | Other Diseases of Digestive System | M | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| | | F | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| B.46(9) | Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System | M | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | F | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| B.42 | Congenital Anomalies | M | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | F | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| B.43 | Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc., | M | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | F | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| BE.47 | Motor Vehicle Accidents | M | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| | | F | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| BE.49 | Suicide and Self-inflicted injuries | M | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| | | F | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Total all Causes:- | M | 48 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | 8 | 19 | 15 |
| | | F | 46 | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 | 5 | 13 | 21 |

# LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDING

## 31st DECEMBER, 1971

To the Chairman and Members of the Council:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1971.

Towards the end of the year, the Council's only additional Public Health Inspector, Mr. R. M. Young, left to take up an appointment with the Stretford M.B., and no replacement appointment was made before the end of the year.

Details under the Housing Section of the report indicate appreciable progress, the Compulsory Purchase Order made on properties in Market Street/ Printers Fold, Hollingworth, being part of a scheme for envisaged new building on the cleared site and land at the rear.

Preliminary work on a Smoke Control Programme was in hand following approval of the Department of the Environment to the six phase programme proposal for the district, action on which had been postponed due to fuel shortages.

The year saw commencement of group meetings in connection with Local Government Reorganisation.

I would like to thank the Chairman and members of the Committee for support, and Dr. Holme, the Clerk, and colleagues including my own staff for their co-operation and assistance.

Yours faithfully,

F. SKIRROW.
Chief Public Health Inspector

## TABLE SHOWING SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

| | 31/12/70 | 31/12/71 | Increase or Decrease 1970/71 | % of Total Properties |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Separate Dwellings | 3,496 | 3,828 | + 332 | |
| Dwellings served by:- | | | | |
| (a) Chemical & Pail Closets | 60 | 58 | - 2 | 1.5 |
| (b) Water Carriage Closets | 3,436 | 3,770 | + 334 | 98.5 |
| (a) Council Sewage Scheme | 3,356 | 3,688 | + 332 | 96.4 |
| (b) Septic Tanks | 80 | 82 | + 2 | 2.1 |
| (c) Other Means | 60 | 58 | - 2 | 1.5 |
| (a) Mains Water Supply | 3,414 | 3,749 | + 335 | 98.0 |
| (b) Private Water Supply | 82 | 79 | - 3 | 2.0 |
| Dwellings with Baths | 3,035 | 3,402 | + 367 | 88.8 |

The number of houses completed during the year was 350, of these 232 were built for Manchester Corporation on the Hattersley estate whilst 32 Council Houses were built at Woodlands Close, Mottram.

Privately built houses number 86. These being:- 5 houses and 2 bungalows at Tollemache Road, Mottram; 6 houses at Tollemache Close, Mottram; 2 bungalows at Old Road, Mottram; 27 houses at Home Farm Avenue, Mottram; 6 houses at Hill End Lane, Mottram; 1 bungalow at Hodge Lane, Broadbottom; 2 houses - Arrowscroft Way, Hollingworth; 27 houses - The Boulevard, Hollingworth; 2 houses at Wedneshough, Hollingworth and 6 houses at Woolley Close, Hollingworth.

### HOUSING ACT, 1957 - 1969.

Action taken during the year included the following:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 11, Hobson Moor Road, Mottram | - | Demolition completed. |
| 8 & 10, Market Street, Hollingworth | - | Closing Orders. |
| Clough End Bungalow, Hattersley | - | Closing Order. |
| 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, Mill Street, Broadbottom | - | Compulsory Purchase Order on these properties confirmed by the Department of the Environment. |
| 2, 4, 6, 8, Hurst Clough, Broadbottom | - | Proposals accepted for making fit for human habitation. |
| 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, Market Street, Hollingworth. 2, 4, 6, 8, Printers Fold, Hollingworth. | - | Public Inquiry in respect of Compulsory Puchase Order, 28th September, 1971. Decision not received before 31st December, 1971. |
| 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, Cannon Street, Hollingworth. | - | Clearance Area confirmed by Department of the Environment. |

The General Improvement Area covering some 95 houses at Broadbottom was declared and plans drawn up for environmental work to be carried out as well as the commencement of improvement work on some of the houses.

There were no applications for disrepair certificates.

There were no houses in multiple occupation, nor common lodging houses within the district.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, etc.,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of informal or verbal notices | - | 61 |
| Number of statutory notices served | - | 5 |
| Number of properties at which defects remedied or nuisances abated following informal action | - | 74 |
| Number of properties at which defects remedied or nuisances abated following statutory action | - | 3 |

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956 - 1968.

Following approval from the Department of the Environment to the Council's programme for Smoke Control, preparatory surveys were carried out in the Hattersley Area of the District with a view to declaring the first Smoke Control Area.

The volumetric instrument sited at the Council Offices was again operated throughout the year and the following figures are readings taken from this instrument:-

| Period | Smoke (Conc. Ug/M3) | Sulphur (Conc. Ug/M3) |
|---|---|---|
| January, February, March | 122 | 79 |
| April, May, June | 48 | 88 |
| July, August, September | 57 | 41 |
| October, November, December | 89 | 84 |

WATER SUPPLY

All mains supply within the District is by Manchester Corporation Waterworks and is subject to filtration and chlorination. Details have been given in previous years' reports. Included in the supervision is weekly sampling by the Waterworks Department itself.

Seventeen samples of mains supply were additionally submitted for bacteriological examination by this Authority. Of these 13 were reported as being completely satisfactory. The remaining 4 results were reported as follows:-

| | Coliform Bacilli per 100 ml. | Esch Coli (Type 1) per 100 ml. |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | 1 | 0 |
| (2) | 0 | 1 |
| (3) | 2 | 0 |
| (4) | 1 | 1 |

These results were passed to the Chief Chemist's Department of Manchester Corporation Waterworks and repeat samples taken by them were reported as completely satisfactory.

Following complaints of "musty taste" in mains water at properties in one street in the district, bacteriological and chemical examination of samples was carried out by the Chief Chemist's department of Manchester Corporation Waterworks. The samples were reported as completely satisfactory and wholly free from health hazards. However, further discussions took place between the Chief Chemist's Department and the Area Mains Distribution Department to investigate any corrective measures which could be taken.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of properties on mains supply | - | 3,749 |
| Number of properties on private supply | - | 79 |

## REFUSE COLLECTION

The service provides for weekly collection in all but for the isolated parts of the district where collections are made fortnightly. Tipping continued at the Hyde Municipal Tip at Dunkirk Farm by arrangement with that Authority. A new 25 cu. yd. refuse collection vehicle was brought into operation towards the end of the year. Bulk container loading equipment was fitted to this vehicle enabling this Authority to undertake the emptying of bulk refuse containers from properties within the district, which service was previously carried out by Hyde Corporation on a re-chargeable basis.

Following discussions with Glossop Municipal Borough and Tintwistle Rural District Council towards the provision of the pulverisation plant referred to in last year's report, an order was placed by Glossop Municipal Borough for this project and it is envisaged that the plant will be operational in 1972.

## CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967

The number of derelict or abandoned vehicles removed under the Act was as follows:-

Removed by Council's Contractor:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | by voluntary action | 5 |
| (b) | by statutory action | 7 |

Removed by owners after investigation 10

The major difficulty in the administration of the Act was that of tracing owners and/or persons responsible for abandoned vehicles.

The Council undertakes the removal free of charge of any exceptional or bulky items of household refuse such as discarded furniture providing notification is given, 482 collections being made during the year, as compared with 350 in the previous year. This represents a considerable expenditure but is very worthwhile in minimising otherwise unsightly dumping within the district.

## RODENT CONTROL

Free treatment is given against rodent infestation. During the year this service was carried out by this Authority's newly appointed rodent operative and the agreement with Glossop M.B. mentioned in last year's report was terminated.

105 premises were treated for infestation and 97 premises was inspected in connection with rodent control.

The sewerage system was treated with fluoracetamide; the number of manholes at which there were any takes was relatively small with follow up treatment being carried out.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

| | Type | Analysis at end of year: No. registered under Section 16, Food & Drugs Act, 1955 | Ice Cream | Preserved Food |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Chip Potatoes, Fried Fish | 3 | | 3 |
| 2. | Butchers | 8 | | 7 |
| 3. | Manufacturing Bakers, Grocery, Sweets | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| 4. | Grocery, Sweets & Greengrocery | 10 | 5 | |
| 5. | Grocery, Sweets | 5 | 2 | |
| 6. | Sweets | 7 | 5 | |
| 7. | Greengrocery | 3 | | |
| 8. | Greengrocery, Fish | 3 | | |
| 9. | Retail Bakery, Grocery & Sweets | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 10. | Public Houses | 16 | | |
| 11. | Clubs selling drinks | 4 | | |
| 12. | Factory and school canteens | 9 | | |
| 13. | Cafes | 2 | 1 | |

Regular routine inspections of food premises throughout the district were carried out during the year and improvements were obtained.

Notices were served in respect of unsatisfactory conditions at 13 food premises.

Two complaints of alleged unsound meat products were received. One was referred directly to the district in which the purchase was made. The second case was dealt with by the Cheshire County Council Weights and Measures Dept., but after submission to the Public Analyst no cause for further action was found.

MILK SUPPLY

The licensing of milk suppliers within the district is under the control of the Cheshire County Council, with the exception of producer retailers who are licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. There are 5 dairy herds within the district (of which one is accredited under the Brucellosis accredited herd scheme) from which approximately 164 gallons of untreated milk are retailed daily.

The County Council undertakes the sampling of both heat treated and untreated milk retailed in the district. Information of these results, a summary of which is given below, being made available by the County Medical Officer of Health.

| | Pass | Fail | Void |
|---|---|---|---|
| Untreated T.T. Milk (Meth Blue) | 59 | 2 | 3 |
| Pasteurised Milk (Meth Blue) | 15 | 1 | - |
| (Phosph. Test) | 12 | - | - |
| Sterilised Milk (Turbidity) | 6 | - | - |

NOTE: The foregoing tests are those prescribed under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations and are intended to indicate the cleanliness of production and handling and/or effectiveness of heat treatment. They do not have reference to the quality of the milk as to fat and non-fatty solids content.

Tests are also carried out for brucella infection in untreated milk and the following results were notified:-

| | Milk Ring Test | | Culture | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Negative | Positive | Negative | Positive |
| (1) Retail Samples | 62 | - | - | - |
| (2) Bulk Samples | 20 | - | - | - |

In addition 12 guinea pig inoculation tests were reported negative on tubercle test.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES

There are no slaughter houses within the district.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The total number of premises registered at the end of the year was:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Offices | 1 |
| Shops | 12 |
| Catering Establishments | 10 |

All the shops and catering establishments received one or more general inspections during the year, whilst 46 visits (of all kinds) were made to these premises.

No accidents were reported under Section 48.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABISHMENTS ACT, 1963

One boarding establishment continued to be licensed under the Act within the district.

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FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
in respect of the year 1971 for the
URBAN DISTRICT OF LONGDENDALE in the County of
Cheshire

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Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

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Part 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS

| Premises (1) | Number on Register (2) | Inspections (3) | Number of Written Notices (4) | Occupiers Prosecuted (5) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | - | - | - | - |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 7 | 4 | - | - |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises) | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 7 | 4 | - | - |

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

| Particulars (1) | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Found (2) | Remedied (3) | Refd. to H.M. Insp. (4) | by H.M. Insp. (5) | (6) |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding (S.2) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable Temperature (S.3) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate Ventilation (S.4) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) | - | - | - | - | - |
| (a) Insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | 2 | 2 | - | - | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 2 | 2 | - | - | - |

APPENDIX - (2)

Factories Act, 1961

Part viii of the Act

- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Outwork
(Sections 133 and 134)

| | | | Section 110 | | Section 111 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nature of work (1) | No. of out-worker's in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c) (2) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3) | No. of prosecu-tions for failure to supply lists (4) | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5) | Notices served (6) | Prose ution (7) |
| Wearing Apparel Making etc., | 7 | - | - | - | - | - |
| -do- Cleaning and Washing | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Brush making | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| All Other Forms of Outwork | - | - | - | - | - | - |